

Apollo-16 astronauts splash down in Pacific

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'Mottie' should resign
By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Netivei Neft's general manager, Mr. Mordechai Friedman, returned to Israel yesterday as public statements by Ministers continue to indicate that the Government will call on him to resign when it meets on Sunday.

The stand which seems to have been adopted by the Cabinet, as implied by Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir yesterday, was that the best way out of the imbroglio would be for Mr. Friedman to resign. If Mr. Friedman proves reluctant to do this, it seems highly probable that he will be dismissed.

Answering questions at a conference of civic education lecturers in Tel Aviv yesterday Mr. Sapir said that he would "spell out" his opinions of the Witkon report on the Neftei Neft affair at Sunday's Cabinet. He added that "if Mottie Friedman wishes to resign, I will certainly not interfere."

Speaking to the Secretariat of the Kibbutz Haneuhad movement yesterday, Minister without Portfolio Israel Galili said that the Government is not indifferent to the social and educational repercussions of the Witkon report. Mr. Galili, who did not want to formulate a public stand before the Cabinet meeting, said that he was convinced that the Government will conclude its discussions on the Witkon report "respecting the defined authority of the Inquiry Commission, while at the same time taking into account the social and political values the Government represents."

The Chairman of the Knesset: Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Mr. Haim Zadok, was more blunt when speaking to students at Bar Ilan University. "There is a considerable gap between the severity of the facts presented to the

HOUSTON. — Astronauts John Young, Charles Duke and Ken Mattingly in the spacecraft Casper splashed down safely — but upside down — in the Pacific yesterday, after man's fifth visit to the lunar surface.

They were down to the deck of the Ticonderoga for the traditional Navy welcome to returning astronauts. The Apollo 16 crew is expected to return to Houston tomorrow afternoon — a few hours after their precious cargo of moon rocks.

The command ship, Casper, parachuted into a slight swell only about 1.5 kms. from the main recovery ship, the carrier Ticonderoga. "We're stable two," mission commander John Young reported — meaning they were upside down. It took a little over four minutes for self-inflating bags to turn Casper right side up.

Then came Young's voice, responding to an inquiry from the rescue ship: "We finally got this thing right side up and we're doing fine... the condition of the astronauts is outstanding — it's super."

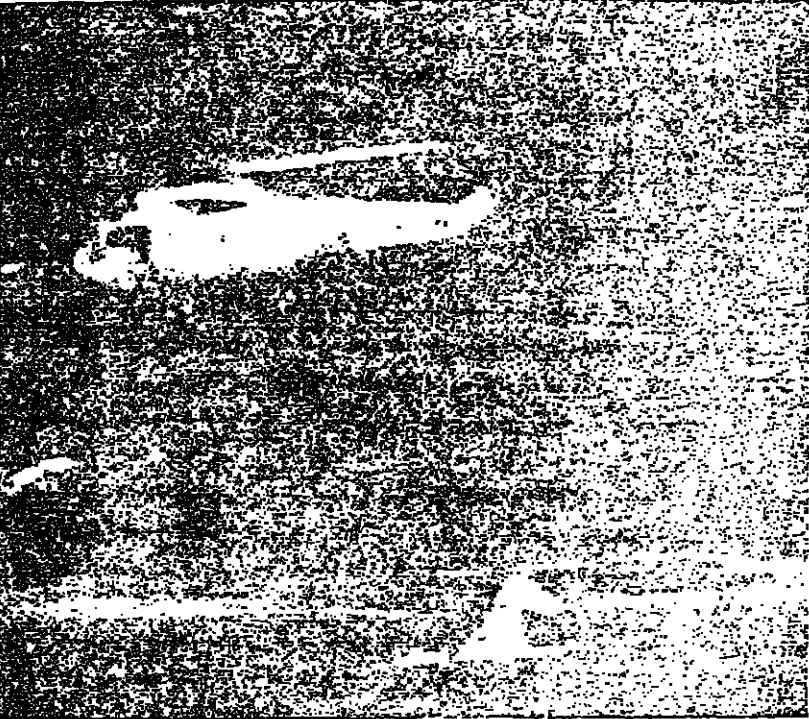
A chopper hoisted the three astronauts aboard the carrier Ticonderoga and deposited them on deck 35 minutes after landing.

RED CARPET
The astronauts stepped briskly onto a red carpet for welcoming ceremonies, and then each made a few remarks.

Young, the commander, thanked the recovery forces, the mission control team and the American taxpayers, whom he said "really got their money's worth on this one."

Mattingly told the recovery force "you did a bangup job" and Duke did likewise, adding "it's good to be back."

Then they went below decks for a medical exam and a welcome shower. On their way through earth's atmosphere, the crew was subjected to gravity forces seven times above normal — somewhat higher than for previous returning moon mis-



Helicopter from U.S.S. Ticonderoga hovers over Apollo-16 spacecraft Casper as it splashed down in the Pacific yesterday. Photo taken from live transmission on Jordan Television. (Reuters)

The craft had survived a blazing dive through the atmosphere, during which temperatures of more than 4,000 degrees blistered the protective heat shield.

There was no repetition of the problem on Apollo 15 last summer when one of the chutes collapsed, and the astronauts had a bumpy-than-normal landing. (Reuters, AP)

Eban meets Joxe for discussions
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Minister Abba Eban yesterday met with Mr. Louis Joxe, a former Director-General of the Quai d'Orsay and head of the 140-man French delegation now in Israel for French Week.

They discussed the Middle East situation, French policy in the European Common Market and Israel-France relations.

U.N. IN A FOG
UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. yesterday issued the first report from the network of three bordering observation posts established in Lebanon on Monday. The report said Lebanon complained that Israeli forces had occupied four positions on Lebanese territory on Tuesday but U.N. observation could not confirm the complaint "owing to distance and poor visibility."

ISRAEL AND FRANCE

FRENCH Cultural Week in Jerusalem has been marked by a sense of mutual warmth and cordiality. A French House was inaugurated at the Hebrew University, an impressive exhibition representing the Paris of the year 2000 was opened at the Jerusalem Theatre, the Comedie Francaise demonstrated its skill and talents, and the Mayor of Paris, Mr. Jean Cherioux, presented Mayor Teddy Kolek with the medal of the city of Paris.

In all these events there was no trace of the bitterness provoked by the difficulties that arose in the final planning stage. Yet politics was also not totally absent. Mr. Louis Joxe, who played an important role in the conduct of French affairs under General de Gaulle and who is a respected and influential member of the party in power, met Prime Minister Golda Meir and other members of the Government. Mr. Joxe, whose personal sympathies for Israel are well known, was acquainted with the full picture of French-Israeli relations as seen from Jerusalem and there is little doubt that he will give his Government a faithful report of what he has seen and heard in Israel.

It is also clear, even though the "Maison de France" was built essentially from the funds collected by the Friends of the Hebrew University in France, that all these events were made possible only by a decision taken at the highest level. Therefore their significance should not be minimized.

But it is necessary to define clearly the meaning of such a cultural week. It has shown that powerful ties continue to exist between large sections of the French and Israeli peoples, ties that have resisted five years of official French coolness and a pro-Arab bias. The week has also shown that in the French administration itself there are those who are trying to achieve what Professor Raymond Aron has called "a tolerable state of affairs between the two countries."

Professor Aron also noted, however, that the French Government is not interested in restoring the former close relationship with Israel. He advises that the Israel public should learn to view French-Israeli relations on two levels: the level of contacts between people and the level of contacts between states, where interests play the dominant part.

Yet even if we accept this analysis, it is nevertheless true that France could pursue her grand design in the Mediterranean without going to such extremes as accusing Israel of war crimes at the U.N. Committee for Human Rights and without obstructing most of Israel's requests to the Common Market.

There is no sign whatsoever that the partisan policy of the French Government has really helped Paris achieve gains in the Arab world that could not have been achieved by a more balanced policy. On the other hand it is clear that France, by losing its standing in Israel, has also lost its influence to shape the course of events in a region so vital for it and the whole of Europe. Moreover, it must be asked how France can maintain its embargo against Israel and continue to arm Libya when it is quite clear that these weapons are intended for Egypt and would be used against us in a new round of hostilities.

It can only be hoped therefore that the French Government will come to understand that a more balanced policy in the Arab-Israeli conflict would serve its own interests, and that French public opinion would undoubtedly support such a stance.

After Nixon's speech Secret Hanoi-U.S. talks said likely

PARIS. — The U.S., returning to the Vietnam peace talks after a five-week break, warned it would suspend them again unless North Vietnam and the Vietcong agree to discuss the current military offensive.

The Paris talks were renewed

Muskie quits primaries



WASHINGTON. — Senator Edmund Muskie yesterday announced his withdrawal as a contender in the Democratic Party primaries, but said he remained available as a candidate for the nomination for President at the party's convention on July 10.

At a news conference, Mr. Muskie, considered the front-runner before a series of disastrous primary contests, said: "I have made the decision to withdraw from active participation in the remaining presidential primaries. I do so with regret, but I have no choice. I do not have the money to continue."

"However, I do not withdraw my candidacy," Mr. Muskie said, reminding that his name would be on the ballot in several primary states. But he said he would not hold his supporters in those states to stick by him in the future months leading up to the national convention.

Mr. Muskie, who has described himself as "everybody's second choice," apparently switched to a strategy that would make him a compromise candidate at the convention in the event of a deadlock. He had been the front-runner in delegate strength despite his primary setbacks until Tuesday when George McGovern beat him in Massachusetts and Hubert Humphrey upset him in Pennsylvania. Mr. McGovern now almost doubles Mr. Muskie in delegates with 235½, and Humphrey is closing with 80, George Wallace has 77.

Second smallpox death in Syria

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — A second death from smallpox was reported in Syria yesterday by Health Minister Dr. Mahmoud Saadah. The first was reported four days ago.

Dr. Saadah said the two were among the smallpox cases which totalled 51 on April 14.

shortly after President Nixon announced on Wednesday night that the U.S. would pull out 20,000 more troops from Vietnam (Speech on Page 9).

William Porter, chief U.S. negotiator, told newsmen after the 148th conference session the Communist delegations produced statements that were "absolutely boilerplate (stale) from the past."

Mr. Porter did indicate that the U.S. was prepared to take on parallel secret negotiations with North Vietnam. He said the U.S. would return to the talks for the next session May 4, but made it clear "only substance will keep us at the table."

A Hanoi spokesman said that secret talks on the Vietnam War are "probable" and North Vietnamese politburo member Le Duc Tho will arrive here within a week.

Le Duc Tho had a series of secret talks here last year with Dr. Henry Kissinger, President Nixon's most trusted adviser. He was also closely associated with all previous secret negotiations since the Paris conference opened in May 1968.

In Washington, the State department yesterday accused North Vietnam of acting in bad faith by launching heavier military attacks in South Vietnam as peace talks resumed in Paris.

Department spokesman Robert McCloskey said that in view of the increased military attacks, "one can say this is no less than a sign of bad faith, and in our view it is outrageous, particularly in light of the public pressure they were engaged in for a return to the conference." (AP, UPI, Reuters) (War report — Page 2)

Labour backs Gov't handling of Rafah fence

JERUSALEM POST POLITICAL REPORTER
TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party Leadership Bureau last night registered support for the manner in which the Government handled the inquiry into the Rafah fencing incident, following a sharp attack by Premier Golda Meir and Defence Minister Moshe Dayan on the editor of the party's organ "OL" who criticized the handling of the matter and called for the dismissal of the senior officer responsible.

Mrs. Meir, supported by Justice Minister Yaacov Shmishon Shapiro, expressed indignation at the statement that the officer is a danger to democracy, and at the fact that the editor, Mr. David Shaham, set himself up as a judge without knowing all the facts.

Mr. Dayan, in a rare appearance at this forum, explained the steps that were taken in the inquiry, saying that the committee appointed by Rav-Aluf David Elazar presented its findings to the Adjutant-General, who made the recommendation for censure of the officers, and then submitted the findings to the Attorney General, as a civilian authority, who fully endorsed the findings and the recommendation.

Knesset Member Avraham Ofer and Mr. David Kaldeman defended Mr. Shaham, saying he expressed personal opinion. Mrs. Meir and Mr. Shapiro retorted that as the editor of a party organ he is not entitled to express private opinions in that organ. Mrs. Meir demanded that a "proper editorial board" be set up within the week, otherwise she would recommend suspension of the weekly until further notice.

WAR 'POSSIBLE'

A report in yesterday's issue erroneously attributed to Aluf Yisrael Tal, Chief of Operations of the army, a statement that "war is likely to break out in 1972."

Aluf Tal, in reviewing the army's training and deployment programme for 1972/73, said the programme was based on the premise that war is possible in 1972 — since no settlement is in the offing and Israel's neighbours continue to sound threats — and that the activities of terrorists will continue.

Soviets said aware of Arab discontent SADAT ARRIVES IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW. — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt was welcomed to Moscow by Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin when he arrived yesterday for crucial talks on the Middle East. His meetings with Soviet leaders are expected to concentrate on the conduct of the conflict with Israel in the light of President Nixon's forthcoming visit here.

But, to judge by press comments here, Mr. Sadat can expect his hosts to make a critical assessment of opposition in Egypt and elsewhere in the Arab world to his government's friendly links with Moscow.

Yesterday, the government newspaper "Izvestia" invoked the name of the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser, declaring that "imperialist reaction" was a threat to his cause.

President Sadat's talks here, which are expected to last two or three days, are regarded as especially important in the light of his fighting talk at a Cairo mosque on Tuesday when he pledged to recover all formerly Egyptian-held territory within a year.

The main Soviet newspaper "Pravda" displayed awareness yesterday of discontent engendered among some Arabs by the static military situation in the Middle East, accusing "imperialist propaganda and right-wing quarters in Arab countries" of trying to subvert Arab relations. It said a frequent tactic was to make much of the static Middle East situation and sow distrust in their own strength among Arabs.

"These calculations are perfidious, they are aimed at demoralizing the people and isolating Egypt and other Arab countries from their great friend — the Soviet Union," the Communist Party daily said.

Yesterday, Egyptian Prime Minister Aziz Sidky said Egypt will go to war against Israel next year, and will have achieved a "decisive victory" by next April. Cairo Radio said Sidky made the announcement to a mass rally at the town of Damanhour, 160 kms. north-west of Cairo.

Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev, who was at the airport to greet Mr. Sadat the last time he came here, failed to appear yesterday, but there was no immediate comment on this.

Meanwhile, in Cairo, informed sources said warplanes will be manufactured in the Federal states — Egypt, Syria and Libya — with the help of the Soviet Union and some Western European countries.

The hint was made by President Sadat during a closed meeting on Monday to a group of Egyptian

IN FACE OF CAIRO THREATS Maximum alert is kept—Elazar

By MIREK SECAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The heightened threats of war by Egyptian President Sadat should be taken seriously and they oblige Israel to maintain maximum military alertness, the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar, declared here yesterday.

R.A. Elazar criticized the one-sided French arms embargo on Israel, charging that the French Mirage sold to Libya were strengthening Egypt, and revealing that French-trained Egyptian pilots wore Libyan uniforms and carried Libyan passports.

Both he and Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir advised the public against entertaining any illusions that Israel could afford not to keep up its defence deterrent.

They were answering questions at a conference of lecturers of the Civic Education Centre held at Beit Sokolow here. Both quoted from the statements on Wednesday of G.H.Q. Chief of Operations Aluf Yisrael Tal, to demonstrate that Israel was gearing itself to cope with any renewal of warfare, particularly from Egypt.

Mr. Sapir said that taking into account the kind of weapons being

acquired, Israel was stronger than ever before in its history, and initial estimates indicated that the bill for such arms would push the defence budget to IL7,200m. in 1973. The Minister said he was mentioning this figure to dispel any illusions that Israel could afford to cut back any more on its defence estimates.

Answering a question on President Sadat's latest speech, R.A. Elazar said Israel must maintain alertness. Answering Mr. Sadat in his own coin, the Chief of Staff said, "We do not wish to humiliate Egypt, but we will beat them if they attack us."

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Social and Personal

Foreign Minister Abba Eban yesterday gave a farewell reception for the outgoing Ambassador of Costa Rica, Father Benjamin Nuñez.

Mr. Bryce Curry and Mr. K. H. Meyers, Presidents of the New York and Boston Federal Home Loan Banks, respectively, yesterday called on the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. Moshe Sanbar.

The Mayor of Paris, and Mrs. Cherioux yesterday were guests of honour at a reception given by Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz of Tel Aviv.

Mr. Louis Joxe yesterday awarded the order of Chevalier of the Order of Letters and the Arts to Loia Behr, the couturier, for her promotion of French haute couture in Israel. The presentation was made at a reception tendered by the French Ambassador and Mrs. Francis Huré in the garden of their residence in Jaffa, in honour of the inauguration of the Maison de France at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The dedication of the Joseph Friedman Memorial Wood took place this week at the B'nai Zion Forest near Jerusalem with the participation of representatives of the B'nai Zion Order, the Jewish National Fund, and friends and relatives of the deceased.

Haifa port manager Yitzhak Rahav will speak on "Is Management in State Companies Responsible?" at the Haifa Engineers' Club at 1 p.m. today.

Capt. Yohanan Cahn, Director of the Shipping and Harbours Division, will speak on shipping policy at the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club, at 1 p.m. today. Table reservations are available by phone 682954.

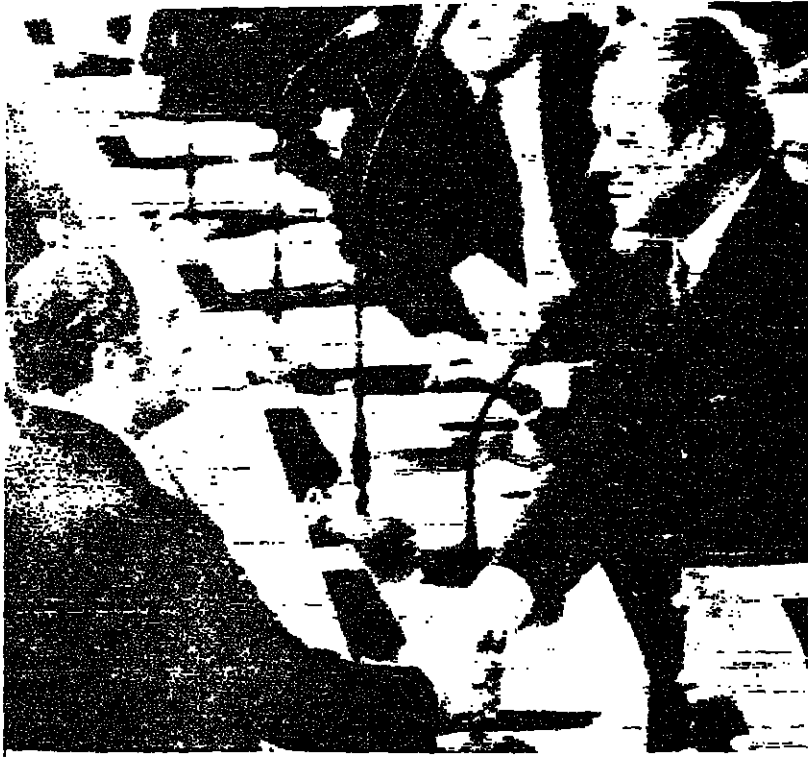
Prof. Dorothea Krook will lecture (in Hebrew) on "The Question of Biography in Literary Criticism — A Review and Reappraisal," on Tuesday, May 2, 1972, at 6.15 at the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, 43 Rehov Jabotinsky, Talbich, Jerusalem.

The Promised Land Ltd., 10 Rehov Hillel, Jerusalem, congratulates Miss Miri Ringer on the occasion of her birthday. (Communicated)

Fines for impurities in cheese, soft drink

PETAH TIKVA. — A fly in a package of low-calorie cheese yesterday cost Givatayim Dairies Ltd. IL750 in Magistrate's Court here. The unexpected ingredient was discovered by a Petah Tikva woman. The court also fined the Shimurel Gat firm of Givat Hayim IL500 after establishing that a bottle of foreign body described by a reporter as "a fatty substance with an unpleasant odour." (Him)

BRANDT BEATS OUSTER BID



Rainer Barzel, opposition leader, congratulates Mr. Willy Brandt after the Chancellor had won the first no-confidence motion in the Bundestag.

BOONN (AP). — A jubilant Willy Brandt yesterday beat back an opposition attempt in Parliament to oust him as Chancellor, by two votes, scoring a personal victory and safeguarding his Ostpolitik.

Opposition challengers failed by two votes to win a motion of no-confidence in Mr. Brandt in a dramatic vote in the Bundestag. Opposition won 247 votes but needed 249 of the 496 members.

Mr. Brandt's triumph cleared the way for ratification next week of his non-aggression treaties with Moscow and Warsaw — vital for the whole course of his policy of easing East-West tensions.

The challenge to Mr. Brandt was led by Rainer Barzel, leader of the Christian Democrats against the Chancellor's coalition of Social Democrats and Free Democrats. Former Chancellor Kurt George Kiesinger led the attack on Mr. Brandt in the debate before the vote and based it on opposition to the two treaties, which recognize Germany's territorial losses at the end of World War II.

The Christian Democrats contend that the treaties, which are crucial to the improvement of relations between West Germany and the Soviet bloc, gave away too much without getting enough in return. Dr. Kiesinger said the Socialist Chancellor should be repudiated because the treaties had neither a parliamentary majority nor a popular majority among the German people.

With the nation watching on television, Bundestag President Kai-uwe von Hassel announced 247-law-

Syria unhappy with JDL action

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — Syrian Ambassador George Tomeh said yesterday that the Jewish Defence League had canvassed other tenants of the building in which the Syrian mission is located, urging they stop Syrian diplomats and ask that Jews be permitted to leave Syria.

Mr. Tomeh said he had proposed to the American authorities that legal action be taken against the league, but U.S. Ambassador George Bush replied that no violation of criminal law was involved.

The Syrian delegate, who brought his complaint before the U.N. Committee on Relations with the Host Country, said the American mass media printed and broadcast lies about Syria. The Arabs were still suffering from American aggression "through the generals of Tel Aviv," he said.

Mr. Wissam Zahawie of Iraq said it seemed there was never a meeting of the committee without a complaint against the JDL, which was part of a gigantic Zionist conspiracy. It was no coincidence that a campaign for "freedom of Jews" was stepped up whenever the Israelis started to implement further plans for colonization of Arab lands.

Mr. Zahawie said he did not expect the U.S. government to tell the press what to write. However, he did expect that government to give clarifications when criminal libel appeared in the press. He thought the U.S. public would desire that also.

Arafat: Terrorist arms replaced by East Europe states

BEIRUT (UPI). — East European countries have replaced all the weapons the terrorists lost during the fighting in Jordan in 1970 and last year, Fatah chief Yasser Arafat said today.

This support is one of the main elements that has ensured the perpetuation of our resistance and our ability to reject plans by the Zionists and their allies, the Americans," Arafat said in an interview with "Al Moharrer" newspaper. He said it was unlikely the Soviets would try to "impose" a solution on the Middle East crisis following the Kremlin talks next month with President Nixon. Armed struggle was the only way to settle the conflict with Israel, he said.

Baby giraffe may be zoo star

TOKYO (UPI). — A new baby giraffe is galloping briskly around a barn in Tokyo these days, quite unaware that she is an international star in the zoo business.

Toshiko, the female baby giraffe, is a spotted giraffe. From nose to hind feet she is a solid faun colour, completely lacking the pattern of yellow or brown spots that are a giraffe's normal heritage. Keepers at Ueno Park Zoo, Tokyo's largest, are praying she stays that way. There is only one other spotted giraffe in captivity, at a national park in Uganda. A faun-colored giraffe would be an attraction comparable to the famous white tiger at the New Delhi zoo in India, or Spain's white gorilla.

Fugitive gets six years for robbery

HAIFA. — An escaped convict who committed an armed robbery while on the run was sentenced Wednesday to six years in prison in the District of Haifa. He was serving a three-year sentence for burglary. He was caught by police as he hid on the roof of the Kiryat Yam City Hall, disguised with a hippie's wig.



Kwame Nkrumah dies at 62

DAKAR, Senegal (AP). — Kwame Nkrumah, 62, the former President of Ghana and one of the leaders of the African independence movement, died yesterday in exile in Conakry, the Guinean radio reported. President Sekou Toure of Guinea personally made the announcement of Nkrumah's death on the national radio, monitored here. Nkrumah had been reported recently as critically ill with cancer. He was said to be under treatment in various East European cities as well as in Guinea.

Nkrumah named Prime Minister when Ghana gained independence from Britain in 1947, became President when a republican constitution was promulgated on July 1, 1960. He steadily increased his power to authoritarian proportions before the army took power in a coup on February 24, 1966, while Nkrumah was on a trip to Peking and North Vietnam. The fiery leader found asylum in Guinea and at one time was proclaimed joint President by President Sekou Toure.

Lebanese University students end strike

BEIRUT (UPI). — Students at the Lebanese University returned to classes yesterday after a 50-day strike for better educational facilities. During the strike, the students held a number of demonstrations and clashed several times with police.

British lift ban on Ulster marches

BELFAST (UPI). — The British Government yesterday lifted Northern Ireland's eight month ban on organized marches and declared an immediate amnesty for all persons convicted of organizing or participating in them.

An announcement from the office of William Whitelaw, Secretary of State for Ulster since Britain took over direct rule of the province last month, abolished the ban and declared the amnesty.

The announcement said, "Mr. Whitelaw, after discussion with organizers of the main customary parades, has decided that it should be possible to make arrangements for these parades, which would allow the exercise of traditional freedom that did not prejudice peace and good order."

Northern Ireland's Protestant-dominated Government, suspended by the British takeover, imposed the ban last August 9 and instituted internment without trial of suspected IRA members.

In Belfast, meanwhile, about 100 Protestant youths stoned police and troops and set two vehicles ablaze, following a rally by the militant Protestant Ulster Vanguard movement, which opposes direct British rule.

Among those affected by yesterday's amnesty were Catholic civil rights leaders Bernadette Devlin and Frank McCann, two members of Parliament sentenced to six

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China giving \$42.6m. loan to Malta

VALETTA (UPI). — Prime Minister Dom Mintoff has announced that China has offered Malta a \$42.6m. loan package that gives Malta its first toehold in the Mediterranean.

Mr. Mintoff, who visited China earlier this month, told parliament the no-interest, no-conditions loan will start within five days and run for six years.

He said 10 per cent will be paid immediately while the remainder will be in the form of development projects. He said repayment will be with commodities exported over a 10-year period beginning in 1984.

Mr. Mintoff also said France has donated 5,000 tons of wheat to Malta, the first consignment of which will arrive in September. And he said relations with Libya have been established on a sound footing, which will help his government achieve its aim of making Malta a bridge between Europe and China. China has no other direct influence in the Mediterranean. Its only ally outside of Asia is tiny Albania, north of Greece.

Hanoi units renew attack in the north

SAIGON (AP). — After several weeks of inactivity on the northern front, the Communist forces renewed heavy assaults below the Demilitarized Zone yesterday. A U.S. 7th Fleet task force battled Communist patrol boats in the Tonkin Gulf and American fighter-bombers launched fresh strikes inside North Vietnam.

The U.S. Command announced that three North Vietnamese patrol boats were sunk and a fourth heavily damaged on Wednesday after they attacked a task force made up of the 7th Fleet flagship guided missile cruiser Oklahoma City and the destroyers Richard B. Anderson and Gurke. There was no damage to the U.S. ships, the command said.

North Vietnamese tanks, artillery and infantry killed off the fifth week of an offensive with slashing attacks that hit on four sides of the northern-most provincial capital of Quang Tri and again threatened the city.

A tank and infantry battle took place between eight and 10 kms. north-west of Quang Tri. The Saigon command claimed eight North Vietnamese tanks were destroyed and 70 Communist soldiers killed. Seven South Vietnamese soldiers were killed and 12 wounded.

Field reports indicate the assaults were made by North Vietnamese units that crossed the DMZ when the offensive started March 30. The northern front had been quiet for several weeks, and the troops apparently had been lying low, regrouping, resting and replenishing their supplies.

Meanwhile, U.S. Air Force C130 transports were reported hauling military supplies to Kontum, in the Central Highlands. The town of 27,000 was flooded with more than 5,000 refugees from the fighting earlier this week at Tan Canh and Dak To, 40 kms. to the north. As many as 10,000 more refugees were believed to be in the hills and on the roads.

The situation in coastal Binh Dinh Province continued to deteriorate. Radio contact was lost with Firebase Ollie, a 22nd Division base guarding Highway 1 13 km. north of landing zone Salem in northern Phu My District. Salem fell to the Communists on Wednesday. The fate of Ollie was not known.

China to free Belgian after 20 years

BRUSSELS (Reuter). — A Belgian banker, Frank Van Roosbroeck, virtual prisoner in China since 1950, will be released this week, the foreign ministry announced here yesterday. A ministry spokesman said Mr. Van Roosbroeck, who was manager of the Shanghai office of the Banque Belge pour l'Etranger, was being expelled from China tomorrow. Mr. Van Roosbroeck, married with four children, was prevented from leaving China when his Shanghai assignment was over because in 1949, the bank had transferred \$10m. of funds to the U.S. when the Communists came to power. The Chinese authorities demanded the return of the funds, but this was blocked by the U.S. government.

Weizman says Nixon has guts

TEL AVIV. — Mr. Ezer Weizman yesterday praised President Nixon for using air power against North Vietnam. "I take my hat off to the president — Nixon. He's got guts," said the former commander of the Israel Air Force and now chairman of Herut.

Mr. Weizman was speaking at a foreign press luncheon. Mr. Weizman said that only the U.S. Air Force and American Navy fliers had held back the present North Vietnamese advance in Indochina. "Anywhere that ground forces are exposed to an air force, they are in bad shape," he commented.

Mr. Weizman insisted he was no expert on Vietnam, but said he was certain the U.S. could win the Vietnam war if it fought "properly," meaning by using the full strength, short of nuclear weapons. The Israel Air Force, he said, was "heartened" by the performance of American B-52s over Hanoi, making bombing raids despite sophisticated anti-aircraft defenses. (Continued — Page 6)

Soviets insist chess match be in Iceland

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Chess Federation insists that the world championship match between defender Boris Spassky of Russia and Bobby Fischer of the U.S. must be played in Iceland. Tass news agency reported yesterday. Tass said the Soviet organization, speaking for the champion, had conveyed this to the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in a telegram Wednesday. "The chess federation of the USSR warns that it will not support the intentions of the FIDE president (Max Euwe of Holland) to arrange for another round of talks and search for a venue for the match," Tass reported.

Uganda arrests spy for embassy

KAMPALA (Reuter). — A government spokesman announced yesterday that a Ugandan had confessed to spying for an unnamed foreign embassy here for the last six years. The spokesman said that the man, who was not named, had been paid about \$32 a month to recruit Africans working in other embassies here as agents for his employers.

The man was caught, the spokesman said, when he tried to recruit members of the armed forces to act in a similar capacity. The spokesman said the foreign missions whose employees were recruited as agents would be informed so that they may take appropriate action.

Three convicted for aid in hara kiri

TOKYO (Reuter). — Three young followers of the late Yukio Mishima were sentenced to four years' imprisonment yesterday for their part in the right-wing author's attempted coup d'etat and subsequent ritual suicide 18 months ago.

Heart operation uncovers needle

MOSCOW (UPI). — Chest pains awakened Ivan Moroz. Doctors found an 8 cm. sewing needle inside his heart. "Pravda," the Communist party newspaper, said yesterday that 49-year-old Mr. Moroz was recovering after doctors in the Ukraine successfully removed the needle from the left ventricle of his heart. How the needle got inside the heart was not explained. "Pravda" said only that "the patient remembered that he had been sewing at the evening and, finishing the job, had put the needle on the bed."

Dr. Alan and Sonia Marble take great pleasure in announcing the birth of their grandchild.

SON: to DR. AVITAL AND EDNA FAST

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education and Culture, and the Ministry staff, share the grief of the Bandak family and join the people of Bethlehem in mourning the death of ELIAS BANDAK

Dr. Ralph E. Baney, the Board of Directors of the Holy Land Mission in Kansas City, the Holy Land Mission and the Mount of David Orthopaedic Hospital in Bethlehem, deeply mourn the death of ELIAS ISSA BANDAK MAYOR OF BETHLEHEM

In deep sorrow we announce the death on April 26, 1972, of our dear father HENRY ROSENBAUM veteran of the Zionist movement in New Jersey, U.S.A. His children, Herzl and David Rosenbaum Naomi, Jura, Miriam Cohen in New Jersey Hadassah Esab, Savoyon.

With great sorrow we announce the death, after a long illness, of our beloved GENIA (JENNY) BRAUNSTEIN Mourned by: Paul Braumstein, husband; Victoria Juster, sister; Harlat families, Bumania, Israel, Rhodesia Lucy, Otto and Michael Juster, New York

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ELINOR MOORE will take place in St. George's Anglican Cathedral, Nabius Rd., Jerusalem, today, April 28, 1972, at 4 p.m. Miss Moore died recently in England. She was for many years a teacher in the English College for Girls in Jerusalem.

With deep sorrow we announce the death of our mother, grandmother, sister and dear friend LENI WEILL (of Nahariya) She has bequeathed her body to science. Please abstain from condolence visits. HANNELORE, RABBY and IRA MAROM

The unveiling of the tombstone of the Rev. ELIAHU ZEV BARENHOLTZ of Bat Yam will take place on Sunday, April 30, at 4.30 p.m. at the Har Hamenuhot cemetery, Helkat Hasidim, Jerusalem. A bus will leave from 4 Rehov Klausner, Bat Yam, at 3.30 p.m.

The unveiling of the tombstone of our beloved of our beloved IRENE BROZA MARGOLIS will take place on Monday, May 1, 1972. Friends and family will meet at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery at 3 p.m. The Family.

The unveiling of the tombstone of our beloved ARIELLA will take place on Lag Ba'Omer, Tuesday, May 2, 1972. A bus will leave at 1 p.m. from 16 Simtat Hashoeva (near 98 Alenby Road), Tel Aviv, to the Kiryat Shaul cemetery. At a special memorial meeting for Ariella's friends on the same day, May 2, 1972, 5 p.m., a piano recital will be given at the new Tel Aviv Museum, in the Hall named after Ariella's grandmother, Melli Kaufmann.

The unveiling of the tombstones in loving memory of REBECCA KOWARSKY and ALEXANDER LEOPOLD KOWARSKY will take place on Sunday, April 30, 1972, at 4.00 p.m. at the Kfar Shamaryahu cemetery. THE FAMILY

HELEN (MAMIE) BENTWICH DIED PEACEFULLY IN LONDON



A U.S. Special Forces adviser (left) helps South Vietnamese Moutagnard troops build bunkers in the Central Highlands city of Kontum now threatened by advancing North Vietnamese troops. (AP radiophoto)

NIXON ANNOUNCES VIETNAM TROOP WITHDRAWAL

U.S. won't ditch friends

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Nixon declared on Wednesday night that, if the Communist offensive succeeds in Vietnam, the risk of war in other parts of the world would be "enormously increased." He stressed that the U.S. would continue to maintain troops over the next two months.

He specifically mentioned the Middle East, Europe and other international danger spots in his hard-line announcement of the withdrawal of 20,000 more American troops over the next two months.

He called the Communist drive in South Vietnam a final challenge, not just for South Vietnam but for the U.S. and the cause of peace in the world. "If one country, armed with the most modern weapons by other countries, can invade another nation and succeed in conquering it, other countries will be encouraged to do exactly the same thing," he said.

In a briefing before the President spoke, the Presidential Adviser on national security, Dr. Henry Kissinger told newsmen that the peace talks in Paris would show quickly whether North Vietnam is prepared to negotiate a settlement. Kissinger reaffirmed the U.S. calls for the withdrawal of Communist forces who had crossed the demilitarized zone as the first step towards peace.

Kissinger said there must also be respect for the 1968 understanding with North Vietnam, which led to a halt to U.S. bombing in the north. The North Vietnamese have denied that any such understanding ever existed, but recent disclosures of White House papers have shown that Soviet diplomats took part in reaching the understanding.

Kissinger pointed out that the U.S. has always expected that the Vietnam war would be ended by

negotiations and that this outcome was the most probable one.

This is partly the result of the military circumstances, and secondly, there has been noticeable diplomatic activity.

Nixon said he had directed U.S. Ambassador William Porter in Paris to return to the negotiating table with one very specific purpose in mind. "We are not resuming the Paris talks simply in order to hear more empty propaganda and bombast from the North Vietnamese and Vietcong delegates," he said, "but to get on with the constructive business of making peace."

As he announced that U.S. troop levels would be cut in the next two months to 49,000, Mr. Nixon solicited public support for his determination to "be steadfast." He said: "The Communists have failed... their one remaining hope is to win in the Congress of the United States, and among the people of the United States, the victory they cannot win among the people of South Vietnam or on the battlefield in South Vietnam."

Mr. Nixon said the offensive has been resisted on the ground entirely by South Vietnamese forces. "No United States ground troops have been involved."

He said the U.S. commander in Vietnam, Gen. Creighton Abrams, called him a report on Wednesday morning which said the South Vietnamese are inflicting "very heavy casualties on the invading force."

And, he said, while Abrams predicts there will be "several more weeks of very hard fighting in which some battles will be lost and others will be won by the South Vietnamese... he is convinced that if we continue to provide air and sea support the enemy will fall in its desperate gamble to impose a Communist regime on South Vietnam..."

Several hours before Mr. Nixon's broadcast, military sources disclosed another 36 F-4 Phantom fighters were being sent to South-East Asia, bringing to more than 200 the number of U.S. planes flown to the war zone since the Communist offensive opened in late March.

REFERENDUM SETBACK

Why Pompidou gamble failed

PARIS. — IN Pontarcy, Normandy, the villagers stayed away from the polls almost to a man in protest against the authorities' failure to repair the pavement in the high street. At Callers in Savoy the mountain folk boycotted the referendum because they have been waiting for five years for a local transmitter which will enable them to pick up programmes on their television sets. It was the same story at Saint Badolph, another Alpine village, where the population was protesting against polluted air from their cemetery.



Report from PARIS by Jack Maurice

But, despite the varying motives of the 40 per cent of the electorate who refused to vote and the seven per cent who spoiled their ballots in President Pompidou's referendum last Sunday, the result was clear. Pompidou had asked for a "massive Yes" in the style of the spectacular plebiscites with which the French people repeatedly reaffirmed their confidence in General de Gaulle. Instead, he obtained a meek expression of approval for the enlargement of the Common Market, but not the resounding endorsement of his own rule on which he had been counting.

It was a foregone conclusion that Pompidou would obtain a majority. But the 10,500,000 votes which he collected, equivalent to slightly under 68 per cent of those cast, represented only 36 per cent of the total electorate. There has not been such a high proportion of absentions in a referendum since de Gaulle revived the institution when he returned to power in 1958.

But, although Pompidou will now preside at the Common Market summit this autumn with less authority than he was hoping for, France still has a dominant role to play in the development of Europe. Three of the four new entrants are also holding referendums in order to enlist popular approval for their adherence to the Treaty of Rome. It is unlikely that they will respond with more enthusiasm than the French, although in each case a majority of "Yes" votes seems probable.

According to a public opinion poll published on Monday, only 43 per cent of the British are in favour of entry and, although 80 per cent of the West Germans welcome the enlargement of the Community, Chancellor Willy Brandt's poor showing in the Baden-Wuerttemberg state election and the threat to his "Ostpolitik" has undermined the stability of the Federal Republic.

The Italians are caught up in the fever of their forthcoming general election and nobody can guess whether they will have solved their problems by the time the "summit" comes around. Pompidou's position as self-appointed spokesman for Europe may have been weakened. But, despite his mishap last Sunday, he is still more strongly placed than his rivals.

When Pompidou announced in March that he was going to seek national approval for the admission to the Common Market of Britain, Ireland, Norway and Denmark, a lot of people smelled a rat. "Why go to the trouble and expense of consulting the electorate when Parliament was empowered to ratify foreign treaties," they asked. But the President was scheduled to play host to Queen Elizabeth of England in May and to the leaders of the "ten" at a summit meeting in October. He wanted to enhance his own prestige beforehand.

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What Pompidou did not reckon on was the apathy of public opinion. The French just do not feel concerned about foreign policy, even when the future of Europe is, or appears to be, at stake. They were baffled by the conflicting statements during the referendum campaign from majority spokesmen, some of whom talked of a big step towards European unity while others, like Michel Debré, emphasized that Pompidou was merely safeguarding France's sovereignty.

When Pompidou rallied the hostile Radical party under the leadership of Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber to his standard, the public's bewilderment was complete. The whole issue seemed so abstract that, even without a well-mounted campaign by the Socialist party in favour of abstention and last Sunday's sunshine, interest in the vote would still have been very tame.

M. Francois Mitterrand's Socialist party adopted a policy fraught with risks in urging voters to shun the polls on the grounds that the referendum was a red herring. It was easy for the Gaullists to turn round and accuse the Socialists of encouraging citizens to shirk their civic duty. But Mitterrand's method paid off. Commenting on the Government's setback, he was entitled to claim: "The audience of the So-

cialist party has grown and while I shall avoid saying who has won, I know very well who has lost. These results put the Socialists in a very solid position for discussing the future of the Left with the Communists or any other party."

The Communists, who called on their supporters to vote with an unqualified "Non" had a simpler case to argue than the Socialists. But they, too, were able to attract the ballots of many Frenchmen who, regardless of their feelings about Europe's future, were far from satisfied with the Government's treatment of the current demands of the railways workers, shopkeepers and other discontented sections of the community.

Pompidou burned his fingers badly on Sunday and it is unlikely that he will hold another referendum for a long while. The institution, whose misuse finally humbled de Gaulle, has been brought into disrepute by two presidents who have exploited it for personal objectives with no relevance to the needs of the nation.

Public apathy

Dominant role



Paris students scamp to safety from tear gas and police batons early this week. Nearly all cars in the vicinity of the Paris science faculty (background) were badly damaged by missiles thrown by both the demonstrating students and police. The students were protesting against the closure by the police of the Vincennes University. (U.P.I. — Israel Sun)

French informer jailed in N.Y. heroin trial

NEW YORK. — A second Frenchman was today convicted here for his part in smuggling \$40m. worth of heroin into the U.S.

The defendant, Etienne Charles Gunther, pleaded guilty to conspiring to import drugs and was jailed for five years and fined \$15,000.

He had earlier given evidence in the prosecution of a 36-year-old Frenchman, Jean Orsini, who was sentenced to 25 years in jail and fined \$35,000 for his role in the smuggling.

Gunther's lawyer claimed that the U.S. Government would not be able to ensure his client's safety and asked that Gunther be sentenced to the time he had already served in custody and that he be deported immediately.

"He has been told there is a contract out for him (an underworld death warrant)," his lawyer said.

Gunther, a 33-year-old Parisian, was arrested last September after police seized about 90 kilos of heroin which had been smuggled into the U.S. aboard a Jaguar car being imported from France on the liner Q.E.2.

Gunther, natty in a tan plaid suit and wearing tinted glasses, said through an interpreter: "I was stupid. I didn't know what the whole thing was about. It was my sister who pushed me to do it... it was they who corrupted me. I didn't dare say no. I was an idiot. I was an imbecile. I realize that I have messed up my life."

Amin calls for African, Arab military pact

KAMPALA (UPI). — President Idi Amin called on Wednesday for the establishment of a regional military alliance for Arab and African states.

"The socialist countries have the Warsaw Pact. The European countries have Nato," Amin told an Iraqi Foreign Ministry delegation. "But what have we in Africa? What have the Arabs? Are we sleeping?"

Amin indicated the alliance could play a role in the Middle East, and in the struggle against white-dominated governments in Southern Africa.

Amin also said Arab and African states shared a need to prevent "the imperialists bringing destroyers into the Indian Ocean and the Mediterranean under the pretext of defending their own interests."

"All the seas around the African continent belong to African or Arab nations," Amin said. "What interest have the imperialists got in these areas?"

Amin said he agreed to an Iraqi proposal that an Iraqi Embassy be established in Kampala. Iraq became the second after Libya to take the step in the wake of Uganda's decision last month to break relations with Israel. (Reuters. AP)

Israel says Arabs are wasting Unctad time

SANTIAGO (Reuters). — Israel demanded right of reply at the end of the general debate of the Unctad conference here on Wednesday night to hit out at Arab states it said were wasting the time of the conference with irrelevant and inaccurate verbal onslaughts on Israel.

Chief Israeli delegate Gideon Rafael rejected Arab arguments that Israel was responsible for the harmful economic consequences of the continued closure of the Suez Canal. He said Arab speakers had "distorted" terms of U.N. resolutions on the Middle East.

"There is no resolution which places responsibility for closure of the Canal on Israel," he said.

Mr. Rafael accused Libya, one of the Arab countries which has attacked Israel on this issue during the conference, of being "the principal profiteer out of the closure."

Mr. Rafael said he agreed with the delegate of Lebanon, who earlier during the general debate described the problem as "a political and military problem."

public discussion here would not only not achieve that aim but would also hold up the vital work of Unctad — to discuss ways of changing global trade and economic patterns to benefit developing countries.

Egyptian Ambassador Y. Khalaf, in an emotional statement, said: "We have not had peace since the Palestinians were chased away by those people who came from Europe."

"They have settled down permanently and they will do this anywhere they go. The Middle East is a volcano — it is a threat to peace — one day it will blow off and go up in flames."

"We would like to live in peace but we are hindered by this country. But, Mr. President, the Sphinx is not asleep — the Sphinx is awake."

Despite Israeli objections, the "economic effects" of the Suez Canal closure is on the work schedule of conference committee number one, which was due to begin its work in earnest yesterday, now that what many delegates privately call the "circus" of public debate is over.

On the public evidence of Arab determination to blame Israel, there is no doubt the disputes will continue in committee, possibly stalling work for some time, observers said.

Hardship

For that reason Israel considered Unctad the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development — "neither the time nor the place to discuss it." Israel agreed closure of the Canal caused hardship. "My country was the first to note it," he said. Israel supports efforts to have the Canal reopened but considered

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THE YOUNGEST WORLD BOXING CHAMPION THIS CENTURY: Ben Villafor of the Philippines hurls a vicious left at Alfredo Marciano of Venezuela during their World Lightweight Title fight in Honolulu on Tuesday night. Villafor, 19, won a unanimous decision over 15 rounds. (AP radiophoto)

SPORTS ABROAD

Division 1 wide open

By JOHN WOSNER

THE English First Division soccer league remains undecided, with four teams — Manchester City, Liverpool, Derby and Leeds — still holding a mathematical chance to win the title with one or two games to play. In the second and third divisions, the championship races are decided but there is still some doubt about the second place in both divisions.

In the Second Division, Norwich are champions and will be playing in Division One next year. They will be accompanied by either Millwall or Birmingham and they will replace Huddersfield and Nottingham Forest who are doomed to relegation.

In Division Three, Aston Villa are promoted but there is still a three-way struggle between Brighton, Bournemouth and Notts County to see who goes up with Aston Villa.

All the tension and drama of the league will take second place tomorrow at the match between England and West Germany, in the first leg of the European Cup quarter

finals. These two teams are old rivals with England having won four times to Germany's two. The last time they met was in the quarter finals of the World Cup in Mexico when West Germany came back from a 2-0 deficit to win 3-2. The second leg is due to be played on May 13 in Germany.

BASKETBALL
THE New York Knicks, with Bill Bradley and Jerry Lucas leading a blistering shooting assault by scoring 24 of 32 shots, shattered the Los Angeles Lakers 114-92 Wednesday night in the first game of their best-of-seven playoff series for the National Basketball Association Crown.

HOCKEY
JOHNNY Bucyk and Phil Esposito slammed home two goals each, leading the Boston Bruins to a 5-3 victory and a 4-0 sweep of their semifinal Stanley Cup playoff series over the St. Louis Blues Tuesday night. Boston now meets the New York Rangers in the best of seven final series.

Technical perfection

Sonata Recital by Sidney Weiss, violin; Jeanne Weiss, piano (Targ Music Centre, Eilat Kavanon - April 24). Leclair's Sonata in D; Walton's Sonata (1949); Schubert's Sonata in A, opus 162; Faure's Sonata in A, opus 13.



FOUR rather extended sonatas of uneven quality can be quite heavy fare, even if taken from different periods and representing different styles. But the two artists — guests from Chicago now living in London — make their music in such a dedicated manner that the listener is willing to go along with them the whole way. The interplay between violin and piano seems natural and effortless, dynamics, tempo and phrasing beautifully identical. The artists' interpretation accorded with the changing aspects of the works, gave expression to the musical and emotional content with taste and controlled temperament.

Sonata contains little to stimulate, despite the lively and sincere identification of the two players.

Schubert's Sonata (1817) — not one of his most likeable works — was given a loving and stylish reading, with no opportunity missed to unfold its many sizzling phrases in all their beauty. Faure's Sonata (1876) written ten years before that of Cesar Franck, shows similar stylistic traits without Franck's precision in formulating musical ideas. Emotions are whipped up without ever coming to a releasing climax, and this becomes somewhat boring when it is repeated in four movements.

The technical perfection of the two musicians, as well as their temperament, helped to overcome the dulling of receptivity, and their presentation of an unusual programme demands both appreciation and respect.

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TRYING TO CHANGE THINGS

Mr. Ezer Weizman has now been two years out of uniform and in politics, and yet some of the glowing aura of the Spitfire pilot still clings to him. As Herut Executive Chairman, he has brought a sense of freshness to the studied old-world manner, imported from Warsaw, of the traditional Herut leadership.

When I asked him whether he was disenchanted — the man of action dealing only with politics (apart from his shipping company executive job), Mr. Weizman was rather cagey. "I left an issue and friends I was used to, and found new friends: it is hardly possible that everything will go smoothly."

His main task has been to strengthen the Opposition, and to increase public support for an alternative to the present Government. He has found it strange that the public indulges in constant criticism of the Government, but "lacks the courage to vote against it." He envied the Western democracies, where he said, if the man in the street dislikes the incumbent party, he votes it out of office.

"With us it's different. People do not seem to be afraid of what might happen to the country, but what will happen to them."

Mr. Weizman believes that the country's troubles are mainly the outcome of Israel's over-centralized economy. He says that Gahal must itself produce concrete proposals for change. This was more than ever necessary at a time when the public appeared to be satisfied with external matters, yet dissatisfied with how the country was being run, he said. He opposed Gahal's focusing on scandals: "We are not a detective squad; we have to try to

Gahal leader Ezer Weizman finds it strange that Israelis, who are critical of the Government, won't vote against it. He is interviewed by Mark Segal.



(Rubinger)

change the system as a whole." As for the borders issue, the Herut leader says: "We say sincerely that Judea and Samaria are ours; what we witness is a lack of sincerity on the part of the Government on this major national issue."

The former Aluf has little patience with the debate on whether army men are good in politics or not. "Just because a man was successful in the army does not mean a priori that he will succeed elsewhere," he said.

As to what a senior officer brings with him to civilian life, he observed: "Not all former officers are such good administrators. Don't forget that the army framework is built for the average, not for the brilliant, who can work under any system or organization. After all, the army has no works committee but is one of command. One has a clearly defined task within a closed social circle. There is less inter-dependence — for example, if you wish to introduce a new kind of vehicle into the army, the matter of coordination is easy, but in the Government one has to cope with a series of inter-departmental committees and to cope with vested

interests. No, I do not recommend that everything should operate as in the army."

As for public administration, Mr. Weizman is highly critical of bureaucracy, relating that new immigrants from the Soviet Union, who had spoken to him, had had two main disappointments — bureaucracy and the dirty streets of Israel's cities.

As for Gahal's prospects of changing things if it came to power, he said: "I do not know if we can change in four years what has become rooted in the last 30 years." He acknowledged that there was need for change even inside Herut. He added, "I do not have any illusions, however, that we will bring about an electoral landslide."

"The State List is fractured, and Shmuel Tamir, to my regret, has created a rather distorted image in our Party... should the I.L.P. want to join us, we would be ready."

What was his electoral aim? "That we should achieve such a strength that, without us, they will not be able to form a Government."

Turning to electoral reform, Mr. Weizman said he favoured direct mayoral elections, but opposed any change from the proportional electoral system. "I am for a system that ensures that the best people will be chosen to tackle the interests of the state. It is different in the cities, where I want a man who will provide me with the most efficient administration and run my schools properly."

He thought that the Knesset did not enjoy much prestige at present. That was one reason why M.K.'s were absent from sittings of the plenum — "because they know they cannot change anything." This was in contrast to the Cabinet meetings, where Ministers knew they could influence things.

He believed that constituency elec-

tions would strengthen the Labour Party, but not the small parliament. Indeed he would go as far as to say that "the constituency system was an anachronism. Why should personal problems be ruled in parliament? I want the very top men in the Knesset. I object to drawing comparisons from other countries. We have to accept that parliament is built in keeping with the national character — that is why Zahal is so unlike any other army."

On the civil marriage issue, Mr. Weizman speaks carefully. "I got married under a *huppa* and by a rabbi. When my son got married that way I felt quite uplifted, I am against people making political capital out of it, and of allowing too much permissiveness." Asked what was to be the fate of those whom *halacha* puts beyond the Pale, such as the *mamzerim*, he replied: "I am ready to listen to Rabbi Goren."

Talking of King Hussein's recent proposals: "I must say he did very well for himself! He dared to tread where the Government only pursues a line of indecision. After all, Golda keeps saying — I don't want territories. I don't want Arabs, so Hussein comes in with: 'I do want territories. I do want the Arabs.' So why all this annoyance with Hussein? The Government of Israel has to tell itself, and the world, that Judea and Samaria are part of the Land of Israel, and their Arab population are invited to live with us under the same conditions enjoyed by the Arabs of Galilee and the Little Triangle."

"If I were an Arab, I would be insulted if I were told, 'We do not want any more Arabs.' After all, the Government has already decided on including 70,000 Arabs in Jerusalem and 300,000 Arabs in Gaza. Moreover, the Government has set up a network of settlements along the Jordan River."

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Science Today
 By LEA LEVAVI
 Jerusalem Post Reporter
 TWENTY years from now, we may all have computer terminals in our homes, and our phone calls to large firms or offices may be answered by a computer.
 These are some of the anticipated results of research in the computer science field in which I.B.M., the world's largest computer manufacturer, is a leader. The newest of I.B.M.'s worldwide research centres will soon open in Israel, on the Technion campus in Haifa, an I.B.M. spokesman told the press this week. The centre will be directed by Dr. Josef Raviv, 36, a Polish-born Israeli who has worked at I.B.M.'s Watson Research Centre in Yorktown Heights, New York, for the past eight years.
 Dr. Raviv, who is leaving Israel again to bring his American wife and three children "home for good," told me about the centre "which will begin operation when he returns. With all the universities (and everyone else, too, it seems) eagerly buying up computers, why is a research centre needed?
 "So far as I know, we are the first private company here to open such a centre." Research is not a profit-making proposition, but a company like I.B.M. has to do computer science research, if it wants to stay ahead in the race for cheaper, smaller, better computers.

Improving computers
 From Israel's point of view, the idea is worth while because the idea will also do research into major national problems, in cooperation with the government, universities and other interested parties.
 Even in the computer research field itself, the universities never can do as much as we can because their resources are limited," he said. University computer specialists spend time lecturing, and must also process data for other faculty members who use computers in their research. I.B.M., on the other hand, can invest money in research on smaller and better computers.
 The specific fields of research have not been decided upon "because we want to plan them with the top-level researchers we'll hire — and we haven't found all of them — and we haven't found all of them — and we haven't found all of them." But computer problems and national problems will be the general fields of interest.
Costs drop
 Most of our discussion was focussed on the first area: computer science. Dr. Raviv explained that the cost of computers (purchase, rental and use) has dropped 1,000-fold over the years since the first commercial computers were operated in the late 40's. Computer parts which used to be assembled by hand are now mass-produced.
 Researchers are now working towards the day when "even the average housewife can have a computer terminal at home." What does she need one for? Perhaps to verify her bank balance quickly or to handle other daily chores. The idea seems fantastic but fascinating — especially to I.B.M.
 However, there are practical problems. If the computer becomes almost a household appliance, its operation will have to be not only inexpensive but easy. Not every housewife, small businessman or manager can study computer science. The computer's language must more closely resemble "natural language," that is, the language we speak. Some existing computer languages do include simple commands



Dr. Raviv (Brunner)

words actually written in English, such as "add," "multiply," etc. In the final analysis, however, the computer understands only electrical signals representing two digits, zero and one. If the computer can "translate" other symbols into zeros and ones, this is only because of the instructions programmed into the machine, and the information stored in its "memory."

We moved on to the second aspect of the research centre. In cooperation with governmental and other bodies, the centre will select national problems which its computer resources and highly-trained specialists can help study and solve. These problems could be agricultural research, pollution, traffic and transportation, or other possibilities. Since they have not been chosen yet, Dr. Raviv could only give examples from abroad. For example, computers can help doctors diagnose and treat illness by comparing a critically ill patient's immediate reactions to treatment with those of other patients who did or did not survive.

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THE JERUSALEM POST Junior

The week in Israel

End of isolation

TWO decades of isolation for Gaza and the Gazans have come to an end. Defence Minister Moshe Dayan announced that as from now, restrictions on Arab movement from the Strip to Israel are no longer valid. The "green line" is no more. In so doing, Israel has finally eliminated all boundaries between Gaza and the West Bank. In point of fact, the people of Gaza appear to have, today, the same status as East Jerusalem.

For 20 years, from 1948 until the June War, Egypt ran the Gaza Strip as a protectorate. The residents were never allowed to circulate as freely as they wished. Through them and their misery, the Palestinian refugee problem was kept alive. Thus immured, they had no chance to develop. They never had an opportunity to carve a normal life out of their squalor. When the Egyptians were

driven out in the Six Day War, the terrorists tried first to drive out the Israel Defence Forces. Failing in this aim, they turned against their own people, so as to prevent normalization between Israel and the Strip. Workers from the Strip, contrary to the expectations of sociologists, refused to develop a "refugee mentality," living on UNRWA handouts and declining to work. Instead, they obtained work permits and crossed the green line in thousands to work for Israelis. Earning \$2.1 a day or more, depending on their skills, they bought utilities, raising their standards of living to unprecedented heights.

For a long time, the terrorists struck: a hit and run operation. A long list of victims. To the world around, the name of Gaza rang with the toll of death. Finally, last autumn, the I.D.F. took drastic action. They cracked down on the terrorists. The As-squalor. When the Egyptians were

Peace was established in the Strip. Quiet returned. And all was "normal" again.

But one thing did not happen. A general peace settlement has not come about, because the Arab leaders refused to talk with Israel. In acting as she did, Israel took the best course possible: she acted as any responsible government would. Gazans now have a status: they are Israelis, although foreign nationals.

It is a good thing for the good. The examples of the West Bank and East Jerusalem are most inspiring. Co-operation, or rather the promotion of it, is beneficial to both the Arabs and the Jews. People who work together can live together; Gazans, who are no longer on an island, have every reason to rejoice. Milton described Samson as "eyeless in Gaza," but with an inner light illumining the gloom. It sheds light on a new page.

MICHAEL TADMOR

JUNIOR POSTBAG:

Production vindicated

To The Editor of Jerusalem Post Junior Sir,

I read with great pleasure the lively review by Mark Daniel Sachs in your issue of March 24 on the excellent theatrical production directed by Selma Sayer of the American Experimental School which was presented at the Khan Theatre in Jerusalem. Your reviewer conveyed well the special atmosphere created by Miss Sayer and her company, and his comments on the relation that was revealed between students and staff were revealing and provocative.

However, I must take issue with him on his negative criticism of the Herzliya High School's production of Barry's play, *Alce*. It is a more vital and derogatory comparison of it with the show at the Khan. To me it seemed clear that his initial review, which appeared in your columns on March 21, was based on a highly subjective response which took no account of the merits or demerits of the performance itself or of the nature of the educational aims of the group.

I might well agree with Mr. Sachs that in many ways, it is a more vital and derogatory comparison of it with the show at the Khan. To me it seemed clear that his initial review, which appeared in your columns on March 21, was based on a highly subjective response which took no account of the merits or demerits of the performance itself or of the nature of the educational aims of the group.

than an opinion. Much research is being done on the educational effect of both kinds of work, research which is still inconclusive as to their comparative value. What has been shown, is that projects of both kinds serve different ends and supply different needs. It is this which your reviewer has failed to understand. The two projects under discussion demand quite different responses from the audience. Mr. Greenberg condemned Mrs. Been's work, because the audience responded in a way so different from that of the audience in the Khan.

The Department of English of the Herzliya School, headed by Esther Lucas, has presented a play in English every year for the last ten years. Several of these productions have reached a high standard of performance, notably *Julius Caesar* and *She Stoops to Conquer*. (Goldsmith's play was directed by Mrs. Been.) This year's production, in my view, maintained the standards set in the Department. On an infinitesimal budget, Mrs. Been presented an entertaining and well-staged interpretation of Barry's play, in which the parallel between Barry's social milieu and our own was emphasized. Several of the actors showed much natural talent, and all exhibited the results of good training. Your reviewer's deep emotional satisfaction with the evening at the Khan (with which

I have no quarrel) reinforces my opinion that he was not a person to evaluate the Herzliya production with any degree of objectivity. He did not understand, apparently, the educational aims of Esther Lucas's project. The Herzliya High School's English Drama Group is an extra-curricular project, which welcomes any student who wishes to participate. Students are not selected from any particular grade or for any particular talent. Whoever joins the group becomes a member of the company. This year there were ten members in the group, and only nine parts in the play. Sheila Been created a tenth role, so that all members would have an opportunity to work on stage, and as this role was necessarily small, the boy who played it was also responsible for the sound effects.

The emphasis of the production was on the interpretation in the theatre of a good text (quite a different process from that employed in creating a text) and on the speaking of English. Five of the Herzliya Group members were English-speaking, or of English-speaking background; five were Hebrew-speaking. Mrs. Been is highly qualified in the field of voice and speech production. (She is coordinator of the successful teacher-training programme in instructional television.) Her achievements in the Barry play, where a Hebrew-speaking boy took the male lead, were remarkable. None of this was reported by your reviewer, yet he made much in his review of the educational failures of the piece. It should be noted too, that the ensemble quality and the spirit of the group is very positive. No special rapport with the audience, other than that sought in a conventional theatre, is sought in the production of a conventional play of this kind.

Incorrect picture

It would be a pity if a damaging review of this kind should give the public an incorrect picture of the work of persons like Esther Lucas and Sheila Been, especially as your reviewer continues to refer to the Herzliya play as if it were the criterion of what is undesirable in school productions. Such references, in view of the nature of the piece, are misleading and unfair. In fact, several people urged that the Herzliya production tour our schools.

Not everyone has the gift for creating theatrical texts in the studio, together with the actors and musicians, although the technique of this kind of work can be taught. With your reviewer, I personally would be delighted to see the development of more work of this nature in all our schools, primary as well as secondary. If Mr. Sachs will write articles promoting this end — all to the good. But because this is a desirable goal, let us not decry good work of other kinds. As a school effort in theatre, and as an educational project set within clearly defined limits, Herzliya's presentation of Barry deserves praise. Esther Lucas, Sheila Been and their group of young performers and technicians are to be congratulated.

JOYCE MILLER



Hiding on the Carmel.

(Warner Braun)

Language paper No. 32

By MOSHE POSNER

1. The following words have been omitted. Put them back in the right places:

absorbed rhythm lively canturjes vocabulary For two _____ the English tongue had _____ against French, and during that time had _____ a good deal of its _____ As a _____ it became a new and _____ language, capable of greater power and _____ learning and adopted a new _____ for its poetry. The Englishman's life was wider and fuller as a result of the Norman _____

2. Complete the following sentences by using the correct form of the words in brackets.

a. (value) The picture was _____ at 10,000 pounds.

b. (emphazise) Some teachers put special _____ on handwriting.

c. (sentiment) I didn't realize he was so _____.

d. (special) He wants to _____ in brain surgery.

e. (familiar) You should _____ yourself with the rules of the game.

f. (success, retaliate) It was a _____ action.

g. (surgeon, treat) He needs _____.

3. Find synonyms to the following words. Begin each word with the letter V:

holiday, conceited, worthless, precious, speed, annoyed, energy, coarse, trip, lively, slight, poison.

4. Put the verbs in brackets into a correct form:

One afternoon I (sit) outside my favourite cafe (watch) the people (stroll) along when I suddenly (hear) someone (call) my name. I (turn) around and (see) a familiar face. I suddenly (remember) who it (be). It (be) Sam Rose. We (not meet) since 1949, when we (be) both in the army. I (delight) (see) him again. He (tell) me that he (return) to Israel in 1957 and now (live) in Netanya.

5. Match the verb in List A with a suitable noun in List B:

List A List B

float a map

consult a salad

contract a loan

poach an egg

dress an illness

decline experience

now a cure

digest an invitation

effect a lawn

6. Put the following sentences into Direct Speech:

a. When I asked him what he wanted, he said it wasn't my business.

b. He asked me to wait for him, saying that he would be ready in five minutes.

c. He asked me whether he should leave it on the table.

d. He asked me whether I smoked.

e. She said that she had never drunk whisky before and had no intention of starting then.

f. She said that if she had known, she wouldn't have gone.

g. He said he would go if he had time.

h. He said that every time he wanted to marry for love he found the girl had no money.

LET MY PEOPLE BEHAVE WELL

By YOEL MANSFELD
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WHEN I was a little boy, I learnt at school that Moses went down to Egypt to set his people free. When I heard this story, I admired M o s e s , and thought he was a great man, who did something for his people.

Today Israel tries to do effective propaganda by using the slogan "Let my people go!" to induce all freedom-loving people to do their best to obtain the

release of the Jews in Russia. The slogan "Let my people go!" is based on the simple idea that every person has the right to live wherever he wants, and nobody can determine for him the place or the country to live in. This natural right was confirmed by the United Nations.

We know that many Russian Jews are coming to Israel every day: the rulers of Russia are letting them go, indeed as demanded by the world. Up till this point everything is all right. Then the mistakes begin. The

Israel Government came to a decision that every immigrant should get, on top of the primary necessities, many privileges. These privileges have made the Russian immigrants spoiled and dissatisfied with what we are giving them. The professions of some of them are not suitable for the conditions in our country. To get the same job as one of them had in Russia, he has to learn Hebrew. I agree that to learn Hebrew is difficult, but instead of going to the Ulpan to learn, they sit at home and complain. A normal

man should be able to master some Hebrew; if not, he should take a different type of job, even if it is not as respectable.

For example, I know a couple that came from Russia a year ago. Neither of them is working. They are sitting at home and waiting for the Messiah. This couple is persuaded that the country has to give them everything.

Now I am sure that to cry "Let my people go!" is not enough. SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE — AND NOW!

Morning dew mead

by IRIS
(Grade 12) Hugin High School

LAST summer, more than a year ago now, I heard the morning dew calling to me. From my window, the fields stretched and the sun was shining and I called it...

The sun was dancing on the dew like a yellow butterfly. And all around the grass was green and wet. So I had to dress and I had to call you, and you came.

We walked through the morning dew, kicking the small stones into the air, smiling. Happy people went walking through the distance to the sound of birds singing and the shadow of these birds circling around the sun.

Standing there in the concentrated heat of the sun, I heard a girl crying.

I placed my hand on your arm and asked if you can hear the tears. But your eyes were blank and your ears would not hear. So I stood and listened alone to the sound of sorrow and grief, which hung heavily in the air around.

"There's no girl crying," you

said, taking my hand, pulling me up the slope. We ran back through the dew with the wet grass clinging to our legs. Our laughter rang in the air, and for a moment shook the sound of sadness in my mind. We closed the door on summer.

The winter and the snow advanced covering the green fields, separating us. A wall of ice separated us, and although we still saw each other, we were no longer warm to each other. And I fell away from you — I fell to the cold ground and you didn't help me up.

Those were lonely days... One day, when spring was in the air, laughter was in the air — the laughter of two people. I looked out and saw you with a girl running over the slopes welcoming the spring. Happy people.

I watched you run with her, until you were just too little figures disappearing down the hills. Turning my back to the window — I fell on my bed — I'm sure I heard a young girl crying.

Why, My Lord?

By NAOMI STAINFELD (Grade 12), Hugin High School

Sometimes you ask and you get the answer... Sometimes you ask and you stay wondering if at all... Sometimes you ask and you know the answer... But there are times which are so rare, in which there is no question and no answer but everything is clear.

Look! there he is lying in the dust beyond the fence. Long ago the way he passed through and long is the way he will follow.

Yesterday he was here, with us among the other human beings.

Today he is there in the shadow of the angels. Yesterday sounds of silence sprang and cried. And why is all this?

Why, my Lord, do you take all of them this way?

Why have the best of our sons to be sacrificed on your altar? Yes of course, you probably want to remove them from the difficulties of life, or may be you want them to be close to you till the end of days.

Why my Lord? You who created them! You gave life to their bodies. And now why should they smell of dust instead of flowers? Why my Lord?

Art and Verse

by MICHAEL RAFADI
(Grade 12) Hugin High School

WHEN I think about the possibility of staying alone for a while on a desert island or in the desert, I can imagine only two books I would have taken along. The first one is a book about surrealism and the second one is a Yehuda Amichai poetry book.

I like this trend in modern art very much and I can study each of the pictures in this book many times and I will never be bored, because every time I discover new details.

These paintings are very complicated and every time I find a new significance in them and new ideas that I missed before. So I would prefer to take this kind of book with me because I will be able to study it again and again without being bored during my lonely stay on the island. Of all the books about this type of art I would especially like to take those

of Salvador Dali and René Magritte.

The second book I would like to take is a poetry book written by a contemporary Israeli poet. I think that his poems too, have different significances and consist of many interesting ideas. After having read some of his poems the lonely creature on the island may think about life and death, duty, love and war. It helps a person to reach conclusions about his own life, and this will occupy him fully during his stay. I selected these two books because I find them capable of interesting a person for a long time. They are not like the bestsellers which can be read once or twice but not for a long time because the reader's attitude to them cannot change with his mood or by the atmosphere.

But in the books about surrealism and in Amichai's poetry, the attitude of the reader is affected by his mood or the atmosphere around him and so the book assumes a new form every time.

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(Communicated)

THE STATE COMPTROLLER REPORTS

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Film makers paid too much

By HIRSH GOODMAN

THE State Comptroller's report on the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is, for the most part, favorable. Two areas where criticism is expressed are the Israel Film Centre, and the manner to which last year's recommendations were followed up.

With regard to the former, most of the criticism centres on grants of export incentives and the tax way these were made. At present, film makers receive IL1.12 in incentives on each export dollar. The Comptroller feels that even though steps were instituted to ensure that the Ministry was not overpaying film producers, these are inadequate. Furthermore, in November, 1970, the Israel Film Centre authorized an increase in incentive payments from IL1.05 to IL1.12 per dollar without first obtaining the authorization of the Ministry's directorate.

The Film Centre, which is part of the Light Industries section of the Ministry, was also found to have granted two producers loans — of, in one case, IL200,000, in the other, IL122,000 — without having adequate information about what was going to be done with the money.

The Comptroller's last report mentioned that the Ministry had invested IL1.5m. in a financial institution, on the understanding that a private company would match the investment with IL1.5m. At the time of the report it had only invested IL1.5m. Meanwhile in 1966, the company lost IL4.6m., and in 1967 it ceased operations altogether. In his last report the Comptroller recommended that the partners make good their investment so that the Government would not have to bear the full brunt of the loss. At the date of the present report — December, 1971 — nothing had been done to change the situation. The Comptroller says that he takes a serious view of the fact that, despite the passage of four years since the company folded, nothing has been done to recoup the Government's money.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

THE COST OF NEGLECTING NEWCASTLE

By YA'ACOV ARDON

WE have about 13,000 poultry breeders in the country, half of them in the central region. Of the 700 localities at which chickens are kept, 400 are moshavim, 250 kibbutzim and moshavim cooperatives (moshavim shifnum), the rest private breeders and agricultural schools. The "industry" is remarkably well planned and organized: each breeder gets an annual production quota for eggs, chickens for consumption, and hatching chicks. Its total turnover in 1970/71 was an impressive IL376m. Chickens for consumption account for just over half that sum. The conductor and disciplinarian of this major economic effort is the National Poultry Board, with the cooperation of the Agriculture Ministry's Planning and Development Board, the Poultry Section of the Guidance Service and the Veterinary Services.

One of the dangers to chicken runs is Newcastle disease, caused by a virus and in most cases fatal. It has always been endemic in the country, until the second half of 1967, on a minor scale. Then it began to spread fast, in the central area, in the Judean hills and in Western Galilee. By 1968, 500 out of the 700 localities were affected. Then there was a short decline, followed by a resurgence early in 1970, and since then there has been a drastic contraction of the epidemic. A year ago, only 32 localities complained of outbreaks of Newcastle disease. The Comptroller quotes no figures of his own on the damage it causes to the country, but it must be somewhere between IL30m. and IL50m. a year.

Immunization

Newcastle disease, as the name implies, is by no means confined to Israel or the Middle East. The standard weapon against it is immunization, which reduces the mortality rate from over 90 to 10 per cent and less, if the vaccine is right. What happened in Israel after 1967?

Three companies produce the vaccine, under a 1929 law which empowers the Veterinary Services to control the import or production of vaccines for diagnosis, immunization, or treatment.

In 1964, says the Comptroller's Report, "the Ministry of Agriculture decided to establish in its Veterinary Services a section for the quality control of vaccines made in the country; but the section was not established. As early as 1965, the State Comptroller noted that the Veterinary Services were not methodically supervising the manufacture of vaccines in the country.

They did receive specimens of every product put on the market — though sometimes months after marketing had begun — but the specimens were not regularly checked. In one instance, because of failure to check soon enough a product put on the market, substantial damage was caused to chicken runs."

Exactly the same happened at the end of 1966, the Comptroller observes: insufficient checks, trouble in the chicken runs, losses. He lays the blame squarely on the Ministry for failing to set up the section dealing with vaccine production decided on in 1964. The section was finally established at the beginning of 1968, about three and a half years after the decision.

Good veterinary practice calls for two checks: before a vaccine is marketed to determine its quality, and after use to determine its effectiveness. The new section contented itself with laboratory checks of Newcastle vaccine specimens submitted by the manufacturers. And even these were made after marketing had already started.

"The section set up, even though the Veterinary Services were already aware in 1965 and 1966 that laboratory checks after the start of marketing give no adequate picture of the vaccine's quality."

In mid-1968, it became apparent that the disease had struck in some areas after vaccination. In December of that year, the section checked one series of vaccines made by a large manufacturer and found it ineffective. The section head ordered him to stop selling his product, to withdraw it from the market and to advertise the facts in the daily and trade papers.

"Despite the situation that had arisen, the Veterinary Services took no steps towards a comprehensive check of the vaccines before marketing, and drawing the necessary conclusions regarding their manufacture."

At the end of February, 1969 (almost five years after the decision was made to establish the section), the manufacturers were persuaded to keep a record of their check of every series of vaccine produced, both before marketing and after use, together with 10 specimens.

"But the section did not insist on compliance with this agreement," the Comptroller notes. Two of the manufacturers treated it with contempt and ignored it; the third submitted the required report on only three of the 12 series he marketed.

They had good reason to evade the checks. "In the middle of 1969, the Veterinary Services established that vaccines were on the market, manufactured by two local firms,



"Powl play."

(Braun photo)

The second in a series of reports on the annual review of government administration. More will appear on Sunday.

which not only did not give protection against Newcastle disease, but actually introduced it into runs not yet affected." At that stage the Services publicly recommended the use of imported vaccines.

The Comptroller came to the conclusion, after studying the dossier of the epidemic, the Ministry did little to make the chicken breeders vaccine-conscious. That they abstained from vaccinating their chickens helped the epidemic to spread.

Only at the end of 1969, two years after the outbreak, did the Ministry appoint an emergency committee to deal with it. It was not until January 1970 that the Minister issued regulations on preventive measures, including obligatory vaccination.

Only in May 1968, many months after the disease had begun to spread, did the Veterinary Services begin to declare stricken areas under quarantine. The effectiveness of quarantine regulations depends on the supervision of the way in which the veterinarians' instructions are carried out, says the Comptroller, but until mid-1970 the Ministry exercised no supervision whatever, and even when supervision was instituted, the Ministry only had at their disposal two employees of the Poultry Council for supervisory duties.

Unsanitary runs

A survey completed in June 1970 established that the main centres of the epidemic were unsanitary runs whose owners ignored the instructions of the veterinarians, but the Ministry did nothing to make chicken breeders sanitation-conscious, and took no steps against those who failed to improve conditions.

One important means of preventing the spread of Newcastle disease is the disinfection of the crates in which chickens are transported. For this, special equipment is needed at the large slaughterhouses and markets. The Comptroller observes that "until the beginning of 1971, such equipment was set up at only two out of the nine slaughterhouses (Haifa and Jerusalem). Recently, three more have been set up in the three major cities."

In view of the magnitude of the losses and the staggering ineptitude, if not worse, of the Agriculture Ministry in dealing with the calamity, its comment on the Comptroller's Report is worth noting.

On the delay of over three years in setting up a vaccine control section, it says that "studying the subject and collecting know-how, and approval of the manpower establishment and filling the posts, needed a long organizing period... the section developed step by step and its

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3. To consider, and if thought fit, pass a resolution for the distribution of a stock dividend among holders of Ordinary and "B" Shares at the rate of one Ordinary Share of IL20.- par value each, for every fifty fully paid-up Ordinary and/or "B" shares and for such purpose to capitalize an amount sufficient for such distribution and to pass all necessary resolutions in connection therewith;
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The Judea and Samaria Area Commander, T/A Rafael Vardi walked behind Mayor Bandak's open coffin, along with his assistant on Arab Affairs, A/M David Farhi; the local Military Governor, S/A Yitzhak Segev; and the area Police Commander, Superintendent Enoch Gevat. They were flanked by members of the Bandak family and members of the Bethlehem Town Council.

The cortege proceeded along a two-kilometre route, from the Bandak home, near Rachel's Tomb, to

the Church of the Nativity, and then to the nearby Greek Orthodox cemetery. Local boys scoured the procession with muffled drums. The cortege was joined at Manger Square by thousands of residents of the administered areas.

No mayor will be named in place of Mr. Bandak as municipal elections are to be held here on Tuesday. The nine members of the election slate which was headed by Mayor Bandak are expected to convene this weekend, to plan their campaign in the light of their leader's death.

The list is now expected to be led by Mr. Elias Frost, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, who is being challenged by Ayoub Musallam. Local sources yesterday said that a young candidate, Hassan Nassar, who owns a textile firm, was also emerging as a serious contender.

(Bethlehem after Bandak — in today's Magazine section)



Haiti's first Ambassador to Israel, Mr. Musset Pierre Jerome, raising a toast with President Zalman Shazar, to whom he presented his credentials yesterday. Present at the ceremony were Foreign Minister Abba Eban and senior Ministry officials. In the background is Castel's mural, Song of Praise to the Wall, which adorns the reception hall at the President's residence. Mr. Jerome will reside in Jerusalem. He is his country's first Ambassador to Israel, and was also the first Ambassador to present his letters of credence at the new Presidential Residence. (Ezra photo)

Four wish to drop Soviet citizenship

Four Soviet citizens have written to the Chairman of the Supreme Soviet asking to be relieved of their Soviet citizenship, the Government Press Office announced yesterday.

In a letter dated April 25, Michael Kitazin, Alexander Salpack, Leonid Zilpin and Victor Achmut said they were making the request because they are being deprived of their rights by the Soviet authorities.

It was also announced yesterday that 60 Minsk Jews have signed a letter of thanks to the National Council for Soviet Jewry, for its efforts to organize demonstrations throughout the U.S. next Sunday, in support of the cause of Soviet Jewry.

UPI reports from Moscow that nine Jewish officers in the army reserve have been suddenly summoned for a month's training, in what other Soviet Jews believe is a move to isolate them during President Nixon's visit.

The sources said the nine were threatened with arrest if they did not report when called to their military commissariat for instructions. The sources said such quick call-ups are unusual.

The nine have been active in Jewish attempts to secure permission for emigration to Israel, the sources said.

In Rehovot, the president of the Weizmann Institute, Prof. Albert E. Sabin, called on U.S. President Nixon to take up the plight of Soviet Jews during his forthcoming trip to the U.S.S.R. The appeal by Prof. Sabin is contained in a cable sent to Prof. Hans Morgenthau, president of the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry, on the occasion of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry taking place in New York on Sunday.

PAYIS WINNERS

The IL150,000 grand prizes in the Mizal Hapayis lottery were drawn yesterday by tickets No. 164919 and No. 457252. Number 164919 won IL50,000, and numbers 173995 and 757784 won IL12,500 each. Tickets 049455, 442854, 532224, and 262646 won IL6,250. Tickets ending in "4" won IL4.

RESTAURATEUR hurt by gas blast

TEL AVIV. — A Holon restaurant operator, 48-year-old Yehiel Nuni, was admitted to Donolo Hospital in serious condition yesterday, after suffering severe burns in a gas explosion.

At about 10 a.m. Nuni came to Holon police headquarters to report that the gas tanks at his restaurant, at 40 Sderot Kugel, had been stolen. He explained to officers that he and the residents of the building in which his establishment is located have been engaged in a dispute over the smell generated by the grilling of meat.

Returning from the police station, Mr. Nuni began searching for the missing gas balloons. At about noon, he thought of checking the building's air raid shelter. Seconds later a loud blast was heard throughout the neighbourhood, smashing windows in several buildings.

Police investigators believe Mr. Nuni struck a match when he entered the darkened shelter, igniting the gas escaping from the gas balloons which indeed had been hidden there by the persons who had taken them from his restaurant. (TIm)

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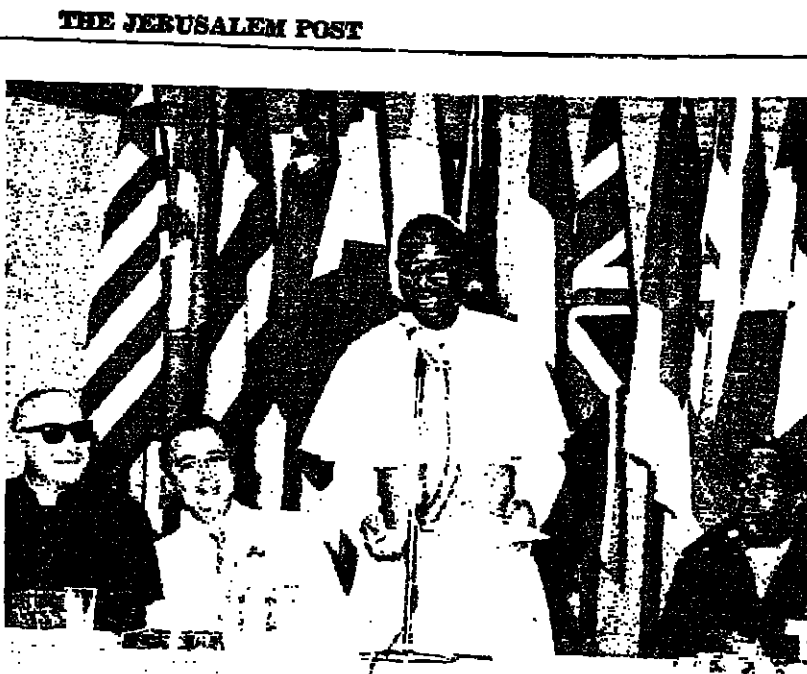
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At the closing session of the African Bible congress in Jerusalem yesterday (left to right): His Excellency Pio Laghi, Apostolic Delegate; Prof. Zvi Werbowski of the Hebrew University; Cardinal Paul Fouquarrana of Upper Volta; Prof. E. Mveng. (Weiss photo)

African Bible congress closes

A five-day Bible congress, attended by 36 Christians from 17 African countries, closed at the Hebrew University's Truman Research Institute yesterday.

The congress, on the theme "Black Africa and the Bible," was organized by the Movement of Christian Intellectuals of Africa, in cooperation with the Israel Interfaith Committee, the Truman Research Institute and the American Jewish Committee's Institute of Human Relations.

Rev. Prof. E. Mveng of the Cameroon, secretary-general of the Christian Intellectuals and a prime mover of the congress, said the delegates — who represent 40 million African Christians — made "a pilgrimage to the fountains of wisdom, like the Queen of Sheba, to receive knowledge put forward in questions." Prof. Mveng said he hopes to establish a permanent institute for Bible study for Africans in Jerusalem in cooperation with the Hebrew University.

Following the conclusion of the congress, a reception for the delegates was held by the Minister for Religious Affairs, Dr. Zerach Warhaftig.

Mosevics asks to meet Meir on canners' dispute

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The fear of impending crisis was still hanging over national industry yesterday, as Mr. Mark Mosevics, president of the Manufacturers Association, requested an urgent meeting with Prime Minister Golda Meir to discuss the deteriorating labour situation in the food industry.

The Manufacturers Association's special eight-man committee headed by Mr. Mosevics held a meeting yesterday and discussed the latest move of the Food Workers Union, which proclaimed a labour dispute in the canning industry.

The committee decided to call a meeting of the enlarged Executive of the Association on Sunday and immediately afterwards to call a special general meeting of all the members of the Association. It has also decided to call on Mr. Gideon Ben-Israel, in charge of labour relations at the Ministry of Labour, for assistance in settling the dispute.

Mr. Mosevics also visited the Manufacturers Association and met with Mr. Mosevics at his office yesterday.

No immediate danger to fresh water Experts call for unified attack on river pollution

By SARAH HONG Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — If the country's streams and rivers are to be cleared of industrial pollution and raw sewage, a nation-wide committee on the problems of environment must be set up within the framework of the National Council for Research and Development. There are 14 separate government agencies now attempting to deal with the problem, each seeing things from its own limited point of view, thus making solutions difficult to achieve, according to Council representative Uri Marinov.

Dr. Marinov was speaking at a colloquium on environmental problems of rivers and streams, pollution, organized at Beit Hanehmadim by the Agricultural Engineers Division of the Israel Architects and Engineers Association. Several research reports were read at the symposium.

Dr. Marinov went on to say that the fact that so many governmental agencies deal with the problem of pollution does not mean that the problem gets adequate stress; on the contrary, there is a danger of lack of communication and coordination.

Most speakers noted that there is no immediate danger of pollution of the country's fresh-water sources as a result of the flow of sewage and other waste through the rivers. They say the river beds, for the most part, are impermeable to a degree that would keep underground fresh water sources pure. The general consensus, however, was that the problem is not getting sufficient attention and that this is true for most of the ecological problems in the country. Not only should the streams be cleaned up, the experts said, but more should be done about the esthetic rehabilitation of the landscape and about using river banks for recreation areas.

They also warned against an easy way of solving the sewage problem in some of the wadis, where the only flowing liquids are wastes — by drying them up. They suggest that some water be channelled through these streams to bring the ecology around them to life.

The worst polluted river in Israel is the Kishon in Haifa. The major source of pollution there is

from industrial wastes, and the purified sewage pumped in by the Haifa Municipality actually helps to offset the damage caused by industry. The pollution at the point at which the Kishon pours into Haifa Bay happens to be particularly disastrous effects on fish life.

Fish are also dying off in Nahal Alexander, but life there is not yet totally extinct. The major source of pollution here is the raw sewage from Netanya. In Nahal Hadera no life at all exists any more as a result of pollution from the town of Hadera, the villages of the Menashe Region Council and the Pardes Hanna Local Council.

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Citrus season over in Haifa; congestion in warehouses

Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — Citrus exports through Haifa Port will end today; the remaining fruit is to be shipped through Ashdod Port only, where the season is expected to continue for another three weeks.

During the season, a total of 21.6 million cases were shipped through Haifa — about the same quantity as last year, but 5.5m. short of the forecast figure.

The quantity was reduced as a result of the go-slow by the fruit-loading stevedores, who have been working at only 30 per cent of their capacity (they reckon that extra work would only swell their income tax deductions and not their take-home pay).

However, The Post learned that some of the workers have been going well beyond the two-normal quantity of 8,200 cases per gang per shift during the past fortnight. They apparently did so in an effort to recoup the losses they incurred during the fuller go-slow at the start of their partial strike in February.

Ports authority director Aharon Remez yesterday asked Transport Minister Shimon Peres to approve a 50-per cent rise in storage fees in the Haifa and Ashdod Ports for a 60-day period.

Merchants refuse to pay 1972 tax estimates

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Merchants Association has ordered all its members to return the advance bills which they received from the income tax authorities.

The Association claims that the estimates of the merchants' turnover made by the Ministry of Finance for this year are unrealistic and high. The Ministry, in its advance bills for 1972, is requesting the merchants to pay from 15 to 35 per cent more than last year.

The Merchants Association sent a strong protest to the Minister of Finance claiming that there has been a drop in turnover and sales in the private marketing sector. The merchants also claim that sales didn't pick up during the end-of-the-season sales and the period just before the holidays.

Market seen acting 'sound and firm'

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Share prices rose steadily in the opening round and in the first round of the variables, but softened a bit in the second round of variables. The market's action thus can be described as "sound and firm," absorbing profit-taking selectively and in an orderly manner.

The turnover was IL3,172,900 worth of shares, IL1,550,200 in the variables. The general index of share prices rose by 0.80 per cent to stand at 237.95.

Volume leader was I.L.D.C. with 146,600 shares changing hands, opening up four and gaining five in the variables to close at 253.5, below its best of 260. Israel Electric Corp. was second most active with 97,500 changing hands, up 0.5 in the opening and another 0.5 in the variables to close at 66.

Three of the registered shares were in third place volume-wise, with 88,000 shares, opening up 3.5 and closing at 186 after gaining another 1.5

WALL STREET Mart slips despite better news

NEW YORK. — The market closed off a fraction after being narrowly higher early in the session. The early gain was attributed to selective buying following sharp losses on Monday and Tuesday, and a mixed finish on Wednesday. While buying has run out, there is little profit-taking at present.

There has been some relaxation of tension over Communist gains in South Vietnam following President Nixon's statement on Wednesday night and announcement of plans to resume peace talks. There has also been a continuing flow of generally improved first-quarter earnings reports.

Number of shares traded amounted to 16,740,000, as declining issues led those advancing by 737 to 689. The DJIA was down .98 points, closing at 945.98.

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